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**Ohio House Ways and Means Committee  
Proponent Testimony – House Bill 335  
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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, my name is Nick Ciolli, I work for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio as a Research Analyst. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 335.

Two weeks ago, Pickaway County Commissioner Gary Scherer testified to this committee and expressed support for the concept of an inside millage revenue growth cap. Since we were still reviewing the mechanics of how the proposed cap in the substitute bill, Commissioner Scherer testified as an interested party.

With the changes that have been made to the bill in recent weeks, CCAO is now a proponent.

While we understand there is still a slight difference between the mechanism in HB 335 and that in HB 186, aligning the two methods will provide uniformity for the county auditor and county budget commission and limit confusion among taxpayers.

CCAO asks that the committee consider amending the bill to include an emergency clause. Ensuring that HB 335 takes effect as soon as possible will help limit tax increases from inside millage for Ohioans across the state.

Several counties have already availed themselves of the new local permissive property tax credit authority created through the operating budget and many have also rolled back their inside millage for next year. Counties are doing what they can to ease the burden on residents, but actions like HB 335 at the state level will help move the ball even further.

CCAO also remains dedicated to working with the General Assembly on how to make local government more efficient. The ultimate form of tax relief is decreasing the need for local governments to levy property taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill 335.

